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**WEARE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2009**

PRESENT: GEORGE MALETTE, VICE CHAIRMAN; RICHARD BUTT EX-OFFICIO; ELWOOD STAGAKIS

ABSENT: ART SICILIANO; HEATHER ALEKSONIS

GUESTS: NONE

Vice Chairman George Malette called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Approval of the October 20, 2009 minutes.

Deferred to the next scheduled meeting. A quorum of those that attended that meeting was not present.

Approval of the November 20, 2009 minutes.

Committee unanimously approved the minutes as written.

Discussion of event list.

No new information was presented.

The letter to Weare businesses and the mailing list was discussed.

Mailing list is 95% complete and will be available for a planned mailing in January. It was agreed this information is being created for the committee and as such it will be maintained by the committee and stored in the town offices.

E-mail address for Economic Development Committee.

11-17-09 Richard Butt checked with town office and found econdev@weare.nh.gov e-mail address was not linked to member's e-mails. All members e-mail addresses will be linked to the economic development address. Discussion took place regarding protocol for responding to e-mails. Suggested chairman should respond in timely manner. Guidelines need to be established.

12-15-09 There was concern that members were not receiving e-mails sent to econdev@weare.nh.gov. A test of the e-mail distribution will be made to assure members e-mail addresses are attached to the above.

The following e-mail was sent to economic development on November 25, 2009: *My name is Matt Henry and I am an Intern for the Town of Bedford, NH. I am working closely with the Bedford Economic Development*

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Commission. I was wondering what economic development incentives, if any, your town offers businesses to promote economic development. This can be either tax credits, fee waivers or anything else. I really appreciate your help!

Budget

With little time to prepare and members absent from this meeting it was decided to keep the budget the same as the previous year.

Workshops / Seminars for business.

11-17-09 George Malette discussed training workshops/seminars that may be useful for local businesses. Web site design, marketing, insurance for small business were mentioned. Elwood Stagakas will contact the Small Business Administration to get further information. Goal of EDC sponsoring workshops for local businesses next year.

12-15-09 No new information was presented.

General John Stark Scenic Byway

The committee provided a list of businesses to Vice Chair George Malette that are located on the scenic byway. They will be invited to join the first annual meeting of the byway council to be held at the Weare Town Hall on January 21 from 4-7 p.m.. A panel discussion will be featured on attracting and welcoming visitors to the byway for towns, businesses and property owners.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. made by Elwood Stagakas, seconded by George Malette, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Butt